96. The State Home for men and boys at Hubli was being used for providing long term institutional treatment to the discharged inmates of correctional and non-correctional institutions while the District shelters at Belgaum, Mysore and Raichur were used as short-stay Homes where the inmates were given temporary shelter for a period of one year.

(v) Civil Justice.

97. *High Court.*—The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

98. On the last day of the year ten Judges were working in the High Court.

99. The summary of Judicial work on the civil side done by the High Court was:—

Class of Cases	Year	Opening Balance	Filed (including reviled)	Total for disposal	Disposed of	Pending
Regular Appeals ...	1958—59	1,428	278	1,706	196	1 510
	1959—60	1,510	228	1,738	304	1 4 1
Second Appeals ...	1958—59	3,134	9 8	4,072	1,1 6	2,906
	1959—60	2,906	979	3,885	1,018	2,867
Miscellaneous Appeals	1958—59	2 6	279	575	146	4 0
	1959—60	430	205	635	270	865
Letters Patent Appeals	1958—59	4	1	5	4	1
	1959—60	1	2	3	1	2
Writ Appeals ...	1958—59	...	...	...	...	...
	1959—60	...	...	...	...	...
Civil Revision Petitions.	1958—59	1,543	1,308	2,851	1,525	1,326
	1959—60	1,326	1,261	2,587	1,339	1,248
Civil Petitions ...	1958—59	495	552	1 017	402	645
	1959—60	645	512	1,157	570	587
Writ Petitions ...	1958—59	405	750	1,155	615	540
	1959—60	540	1,195	1,735	1,025	710
Civil Referred Cases	1958—59	9	12	21	3	18
	1959—60	18	14	32	18	19
Income-Tax Referred Cases.	1958—59	12	6	18	3	15
	1959—60	15	19	34	14	20
	1958—59	7,626	4,124	11,750	4,059	7,391
	1959—60	7,391	4,410	11,801	4,552	7,249

100. The average duration of 302 regular appeals disposed of during the year was 1,287.2 (1,112.0) days.

101. The average duration of 1,018 appeals disposed of was 791.0 (541.7) days.

102. The total institutions during the year was much more than in the previous year, *viz.*, 4,410 (4,124). There was considerable increase in the institutions of writ Total Institutions.

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petitions, *viz.*, 1,195 (750). The total volume of work to be dealt with by the High Court on the Civil side was also more than in the previous year, *viz.*, 11,801 (11 450). There was considerable increase in the disposals, *viz.*, 4,552 (4,059) and in fact the disposal exceeded the institutions by 142, the pendency being reduced from 7,391 to 7,249.

103. The total receipts and charges, of the High Court for the year were as follows :

	1958—59	1959—60	Increase	Decrease
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Receipts ..	8,15,051—05	8,59,950—26	44,899—80	...
Charges ...	9,33,103—74	10,23,804—01	90,696—27	...

104. *Courts subordinate to the High Court.*—The number of officers exercising appellate or original jurisdiction at the end of the year was 154 (152).

105. With a view to giving relief to the litigant public, the court of the J.M.F.C, Hungund was converted, on the recommendation of the High Court, into a civil-*cum*-criminal court with effect from 15th June 1959. Consequently the Civil Judge, Junior Division, Bagalkot ceased to exercise the jurisdiction of the above court.

106. Similarly the criminal court at Soundatti was also converted into a civil-*cum*-criminal court with effect from 1st October 1959, vesting with civil jurisdiction over the areas included in the revenue taluks of Parasgod (excluding Chikop, (K. Murgod), Gontamar, Harugop, Hirekop (K.Murgod), Hosur, Inchal, Ingalgi Karimani, Markumbi, Kutwad and Rudrapur).

107. Sanction was accorded for the re-establishment of a Munsiff-Magistrate's court at Krishnarajanagar for a period of 3 years with effect from 2nd November 1959.

108. Sanction was accorded for the conversion of the court of the J.M.F.C. Badami into Civil-Criminal court in view of the congestion of work both on the civil and criminal sides.

109. An additional Munsiff was sanctioned to the court of the Munsiff, Madhugiri, to reduce the heavy pendency of work.

110. *Receipts and Charges.*—The total receipts of the courts subordinate to the High Court amounted to

Rs. 39,44,315-35 (Rs. 33,20,192-66) and the charges amounted to Rs. 49,74,536-62 (Rs. 48,77,958-03).

111. Of the total number of 61,601 original (including 23,063 of previous year) suits for disposal, excluding 824 suits which were transferred, in all 35,729 (34,038) were disposed of, leaving 25,048 (23,063) suits pending at the end of the year. The increase in the pendency was on account of heavy increase in the institutions. The average duration of contested original suits was 476.8 (392.1) days.

112. *Miscellaneous Cases.*—Out of a total of 51,975 (46,770) (including 9,288 of the previous year) cases for disposal during the year, excluding 403 cases which were transferred, in all 39,999 (37,482) cases were disposed of. The total pendency increased from 9,288 to 11,573, which is mainly due to the increase in the institutions. Average duration.

113. The total number of execution applications for disposal during the year was 85,959 (84,775). Of these 55,553 (54,198) applications were disposed of, leaving 30,406 (30,577) applications pending at the end of the year. The total amount realised in the execution of decrees was Rs. 80,15,464-65 (Rs. 72,63,108-10). Execution of Decrees.

114. The total number of insolvency applications for disposal was 432 (349). Of these, 188 (200) applications were disposed of, leaving 244 (149) applications pending at the end of the year. The total amount of insolvents' assets realised was Rs. 84,857-86 (Rs. 71,272-80) and the amount disbursed to the creditors was Rs. 74,594-90 (Rs. 47,193-10). Insolvency Petitions.

115. Out of a total of 10,060 (9,336) (including 5,640 cases of the previous year) appeals for disposal, excluding 450 appeals which were transferred, 3,726 (3,696) appeals were disposed of with 5,884 (5,640) appeals pending at the end of the year. The average duration of appeals disposed of was 382·9 (445·5) days. Regular Appeals.

116. Out of the total number of 3,129 (2,638) miscellaneous appeals for disposal, excluding 100 appeals which were transferred. 1,735 (1,442) were disposed of, with 1,294 (1,196) appeals pending at the end of the year. The average duration of the appeals disposed of was 206·8 (214·4) days. Miscellaneous Appeals.

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117. *Advocates.*—The number of Advocates enrolled during the year was 69 (63). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 2,059 (1,990).

Legal Practitioners.

118. *Pleaders.*—The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,996 (1,775) and the number of newly enrolled pleaders was 221½ (210) and 7 (14) were enrolled as Advocates.

Receipts and Charges.

119. The total receipts and charges of the civil courts (including the High Court) during the year and in the previous year were :—

Year	Receipts	Charges	Savings	Loss
	Rs. nP.	Rs nP.		Rs nP
1958—59 ...	86,85,249—74	68,11,0?6—77	...	21 ?5 823—06
1959—60 ..	43,04,265—71	59,?8,340—63	...	16,94,074—92

(vi) Criminal Justice

High Court.

120. The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

Appeals.

121. Four hundred and sixty (373) criminal appeals were instituted during the year.

Institutions.

122. There was a total of 1,154 cases involving 2,208 persons (including 694 appeals involving 1,245 persons of previous year) for disposal during the year. Of these, 498 appeals involving 851 persons (280 appeals involving 351 persons) were disposed of, leaving 656 appeals involving 1,357 persons (694 appeals involving 1,245 persons) pending at the end of the year. Out of the appeals disposed of, in 313 involving 538 persons, the conviction and sentences were confirmed, in 55 involving 122 persons, the sentences were reduced or altered, in 121 involving 178 persons, the sentences were reversed, in 7 involving 11 persons, *de novo* trial or further enquiry was ordered and 2 involving 2 persons were otherwise disposed of. Ninety-four appeals out of the 294 appeals against the orders of acquittal, were disposed of, leaving 200 (162) pending at the end of the year. In 84 cases the orders of the lower courts were upheld and in 5 cases the orders were reversed and the accused convicted and in 5 cases *de novo* trial or further enquiry was ordered.